

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Michael D. Derocher

Date: 7/7/03

Parent Case Serial Number: 09/829,692

Art Unit: 2674

Filed: 04/10/2001

Examiner: Regina Liang

Title: ILLUMINATED TOUCH PAD

Preliminary Amendment

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Sir:

The Applicant hereby submits this Preliminary Amendment in response to the Office Action dated 04/07/03 for the parent case.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-31 are pending.

Claims 32-39 have been withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction election in the parent case.